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Examiner's Response to Appeal Brief

The reply brief filed on 06/02/06 has not been considered because it is not in compliance with 37 CFR 41.41(a). The reply brief included a new or non-admitted amendment or non-admitted affidavit or other evidence. The declaration of Uwe Sievers is new evidence that has not previously been presented and will not be considered.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isaac Hamilton whose telephone number is 571-272-4509. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday between 8am and 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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